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THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

National Society

OF

Colonial Dames of America

As Amended by the Council of 1896.

Preamble.

Whereas, History shows that the remembrance of a nation's glory in the past stimulates, to national greatness in the future, and that successive generations are awakened to truer patriotism, and roused to nobler endeavor by the contemplation of the heroic deeds of their forefathers; therefore the Society of Colonial Dames of America has been formed, that the descendants of those men who in the Colonial period by their rectitude, courage and self-denial, prepared the way for success in that struggle which gained for the country its liberty and constitution, may associate themselves together to do honor to the virtues of their forefathers, and to encourage in all who come under their influence, true patriotism, built on a knowledge of the self-sacrifice and heroism of those men of the colonies, who laid the foundations of this great nation.

ARTICLE I.

"This Society shall be known by the name, style, and title of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and shall be composed of State Societies, of which there shall be one in each of the thirteen original states and one in the District of Columbia."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this society shall be to collect and preserve manuscripts, traditions, relics and mementoes of by-gone days. To preserve and restore buildings connected with the early history of our country, to diffuse healthful and intelligent information concerning the past, to create a popular interest in our Colonial history, to stimulate a spirit of true patriotism and a genuine love of country, and to impress upon the young the sacred obligation of honoring the memory of those heroic ancestors whose ability, valor, sufferings and achievements are beyond all praise.

ARTICLE III.

The State Societies shall be composed entirely of women who are descended in their own right from some ancestor of worthy life who came to reside in an American colony prior to 1750, which ancestor, or some one of his descendents, being a lineal ascendent of the applicant, shall have rendered efficient service to his country during the Colonial period, either in the founding of a commonwealth, or of an institution which has survived and developed into importance, or

who shall have held an important position in a Colonial government, or who, by distinguished services, shall have contributed to the founding of this great and powerful nation.

All services which constitute a claim to membership must have been rendered before July 5th, 1776, but this date shall be held to include all the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

ARTICLE IV.

"The regular meeting of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of Ameaica shall be held every two years in Washington, D. C. Special meetings may be held upon the order of the National President or upon a request of a majority of the State Societies. Such meetings shall consist of tne National officers aud a representation not exceeding five deputities from each State Society. The necessary expense of such meeting shall be borne by the Narional Society and it shall be empowered at its regular meeting to assess each State Society in order to provide requite funds. At the regular meeting of the National Society a President., two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, a majority of the states present being necessary to a choice. All officers to serve until the next regular meeting or until their successors shall be chosen.

"The National Society shall have power at any meeting to admit a State Society thereto from the thirteen original states and from the District of Columbia. A majority of the states admitted forming a quorum."

ARTICLE V.

"The State Societies of the Colonial Dames of America shall meet annually on the day appointed by their several by-laws, and oftener if found expedient.

"Their affairs shall be conducted by a Board, consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents and twelve or more Managers, who shall be elected by ballot by the members of the said State Societies.

"The Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall be chosen annually. The Managers shall serve for three years, and the term of one-third shall expire annually. The Board shall fill its own vacancies, the member chosen, to serve until the next annual election. At the first meeting of the Board after the annual election, they shall organize by choosing from their own members, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Registrar, and an Historian. All officers shall continue to hold office until their successors are elected.

"The members of the State Societies of the Colonial Dames of America at the date of the certificate of the incorporation of the State Society, shall be elected members of the corporation at the first meeting of the said Society, subsequent to the incorporation, and thereafter no person shall be a candidate for admission unless invited and proposed by one member and seconded by another member of the Society, to both of whom the candidate must be well known, and by whom she shall be recommended.

"The President shall, from time to time, appoint from the Board of Managers, three persons who shall examine the

claims of each candiate, and report in writing to the President. When such reports are unanimously favorable, the name of the candidate shall be presented at any meeting of the Board of Managers next after the report of such nomination shall have been received by the President. The name of each candidate shall be voted upon separately, and, if any member of the Board of Managers so demands, by ballot. Two negative votes shall act as a rejection of the candidate.

"Each member shall contribute, upon her admission to the Society, and annually thereafter, such sums as the by-laws of the respective State Societies may require; but any State Society may provide for the endowment of life memberships, by the payment of a proper sum.

"The State Societies shall regulate all matters respecting their own affairs, consistent with the general good of the Society; judge of the qualifications of their members, or of those proposed for membership, subject, however, to the provisions of this constitution; and shall have the power to expel any member who, by conduct unbecoming a gentlewoman, may render herself unworthy to continue in membership.

"The Registrar of each State Society shall transmit to the National Registrar a list of the members thereof, and from time to time, as the same shall be printed, the names and official designations of those from whom such members derive their claim to membership, and thereafter upon the admission of each State Society, the Registrar thereof shall

transmit to the National Registrar information respecting such members similar to that herein required.

"Each State Society shall cause to be transmitted annually to the other State Societies, a circular letter calling attention to whatever may be thought worthy of observation concerning the welfare of the Society, and giving information of the officers chosen for the year; and copies of these letters shall also be transmitted to the National Secretary, to be preserved among the records of the Society.

"Each State Society shall adopt its own seal.

"Each member when admitted to the privileges of her State Society, is entitled to receive a certificate of membership, signed by the State President and State Secretary, and bearing the seal of the State Society.

"The form shall be:

".....has been duly elected a member of the.....Society of the Colonial Dames of America, in right of her ancestor..... In testimony whereof, the names of the..... President and Secretary and the seal of the..... Society are hereunto affixed."

ARTICLE VI.

"The custodian of the insignia shall be the National Registrar, who shall issue the badge to members of any State Society, upon an order from the Registrar of that state; and she shall keep a register of such issues, wherein each badge issued may be identified by the number thereof, and each State Society shall have its own numbers.

"The badge shall consist of a round disc with a centre of light blue enamel, and the figure of a Colonial Dame in gold, modeled in relief on the same. Around the centre of blue enamel shall be a circle of white enamel, with the title of the Society, 'Colonial Dames of America,' in gold letters, flush. Surmounting this shall be the modeled figure of an eagle, in gold, and diverging from the disc twenty rays in gold, arranged in four groups of five each, the three centre rays in each group, to be surmounted by stars of blue enamel, these, with a similar star placed immediately below the central disc, being emblamatic of the thirteen original states.

"On the reverse side of the badge shall be the motto, 'Virtutes Majorum Filliæ Conservant.' The materials of the badge shall be 14-karat gold and enamel, and it shall be worn suspended by a silk ribbon of blue and yellow from a gold bar on which is the name of the state.

"This ribbon shall be one and one-half inches wide, the central section of blue being one inch, with a section one-quarter of an inch wide on each side.

"The badge shall be worn by the members on all occasions when they assemble officially for any stated purpose or celebration and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony. It shall be carried conspicuously on the left breast, but members who are or have been national officers, may wear it suspended from the ribbon around the neck.

"The seal of the National Society shall be: Within a beaded annulet a title scroll bearing the inscription, Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

"Within the scroll a shield, surmounted of the crown, quarterly of four—

"I. Quarterly, one and four azure, three fleurs de lis or. Two and three gules, three lions passant, guardant in pale, or, for England.

"II. Azure, three fleurs de lis or, for France.

"III. Azure billettee, a lion rampant, holding in his dexter paw a naked sword, and in his sinister paw a sheaf of arrows or, for Holland.

"IV. One and four (Sweden modern) azure, three open crowns, or, two and three (Sweden ancient) azure, three bendlets sinister, wavy, argent, over all a lion rampant, or, crowned gules for Sweden.

"This seal to be used on the certificate, for further authentication, and with it the signatures of the National President and National Secretary."

ARTICLE VII.

This constitution shal lnot be altered, added to or amended, save by the vote of thirteen out of the fourteen Societies now forming the National Society, of the Colonial Dames of America. Due notice of one year of any proposed change, alteration or amendment, having been given to each of the fourteen Societies before the meeting of the council, at which action is to be taken on said change, alteration or amendment.

April, 1896.

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Eligibility Lists

OF THE

Colonial State Societies.

The Pennsylvania Society

OF THE

Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED JUNE 13, 1891.)

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS.

Governor.
Deputy Governor.
Provincial Councillor.
Secretary of the Province.
Treasurer of the Province.
Registrar-General.
Surveyor-General, 1682-1775.
Receiver-General and Secretary of the Land Office.
Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces.
Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, 1682-1774.
Keeper of the Great Seal.
Master of the Rolls.
Mayor of Philadelphia, 1691-1776.
Commissioners and Commissary under the Dutch and Swedes.

FOUNDERS.

Founder of the University of Pennsylvania, 1749.

Founder of the Philadelphia Library, 1731.

Founder of the American Philosophical Society, 1743.

Founder of the Pennsylvania Hospital, 1752.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Member of the Provincial Assembly.

Member of the Provincial Conferences.

Member of Conventions prior to July 4, 1776.

Member of Congresses 1754 and 1765.

Delegate to Committees of Correspondence and Safety, 1772-1776.

Member of Continental Congresses, 1774, 1775, 1776.

Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Member of Common Council, 1701-1776.

JUDICIARY.

Justice of the Supreme Court.

Justice of the Peace and Courts who served three or more terms.

Attorney-General.

Judge Advocate.

Judge of the Court of the Admiralty.

MILITARY AND NAVAL.

Member of the Board of War.

Member of the Navy Board.

Commissioned Officer of the regular Provincial or Colonial Military or Naval Forces.

No applicant shall be eligible under Revolutionary service alone, the United States having declared themselves free and independent states, July 4, 1776.

Every applicant for membership claiming under Revolutionary ancestors who rendered services prior to July 4th, 1776, must present with her application papers, as a part thereof, a statement, signed by herself, that the ancestor through whom she claims, did not adhere to the crown, during any part of the Revolutionary period.

Applicants having ancestry in another State than Pennsylvania, will be admitted into the Pennsylvania Society, upon the Eligibility List of such other Society.

Maryland Society

OF THE

Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED DECEMBER 29, 1891.)

PROVINCIAL OFEICERS.

Lords Proprietary.
Governor,
Deputy Governor.
Secretary of the Province.
Treasurer of Eastern and Western Shores.
Provincial Councillors.
Keeper of the Great Seal.
Surveyor General.
Rectors of Parishes,
Commissioners of Land Office.
High Sheriffs.
Commanders of Counties.
Commissioners appointed by "Council of State" of Commonwealth of England, and Commissioners appointed by their authority for governing the Province.
Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces.
Mayor of St. Mary's.
Mayor of Annapolis.
Collector of Customs.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Members of Provincial Assembly.

Members of Congress 1754 and 1765.

Members of Maryland Convention and Councils of Safety.

Members of Committees of Correspondence.

Members of Continental Congress, 1774-1776.

Signers of the Declaration of Indpendence.

Signers of Maryland Declaration of Indpendence, July 3, 1776.

JUDICIARY.

Counsellor.

Attorney-General.

Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

Justices or Judges of Provincial Courts.

Justices or Commissioners of the Peace.

Register High Court of Chancery.

MILITARY OR NAVAL.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular Provincial or Colonial Military or Naval Forces.

Commissioned Officers of the Continental Army, Navy or State, or Provincial troops during the War of the Revolution.

Founders of King William's School.

Services rendered after July 5, 1776, not recognized except as supplementary.

Applicants having ancestry in another State than Maryland, will be admitted into the Maryland Society, upon the Eligibility List of such other Society.

New Jersey Society

OF THE

Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED APRIL 7, 1892.)

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS.

Governors under the Swedes.

Director-General under the Dutch. Vice-Director.

Governors, Deputy-Governors, sometimes called Lieutenant-Governors.

Kings or Governors' Council.

Treasurers and Secretaries of the Province.

Surveyor-General.

Burgesses or Mayors of what were important settlements.

Commissioners and Collectors of Customs.

Receiver-General, Commissioner in Land Office.

Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces.

Commissioners to the Indians appointed by the Colonial Government.

High Sheriffs.

Missionaries from "The Society of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts."

Postmaster-General or Comptroller of P. O.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Speaker, Clerk and Representatives to the General Assembly.

Members of Provincial Congress.

Members of Continental Congress.

Delegates to the Committees of Correspondence and Safety.

Signers of Declaration of Independence.

Proprietors of West and East Jersey who came to this country, viz: David Barclay, Arent Sonmans, William Penn, Thomas Rudyard, Samuel Groom, Thomas Hart, Clement Plumsted, Garven Laurie, Edward Byllynge, Robert Turner and Thomas Warne.

Deputy-Secretary and Register for the Proprietors.

JUDICIARY.

Judges of the High Court of Chancery.

Attorney-General.

Chief Justices of Supreme Court (formerly called Court of Assize, and then Court of Common Right.)

Associate Judges of the Supreme Court.

Clerks and Registers of the Courts.

Justices of the Peace (as in N. J.—they are members of the Supreme Court.)

King's Attorneys, Judges of Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Judges of Court of Common Pleas.

Surrogate or Probate Judge.
Judge of the Admiralty Court.

FOUNDERS.

Charter Trustees of the College of New Jersey, 1746-1748 (now Princeton.)
Charter Trustees of Queen's College, 1766 (now Rutger's.)

MILITARY AND NAVY.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular, Colonial or Provincial Military and Naval Forces.
Members of the Board of War.
Members of the Navy Board.
Services rendered after July 5th, 1776, not recognized except as supplementary.

The Colonial Dames

OF THE

State of Delaware.

(INCORPORATED MAY 10, 1892.)

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS.

Governor, Deputy-Governor, Provincial Councillors.
Secretary of the Province, Treasurer of the Province.
Registrar-General, Surveyor-General, 1682-1775.
Receiver-General and Secretary of the Land Office.
Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces.
Collector of the Port of New Castle, 1682-1774.
Keeper of the Great Seal.
Master of the Rolls, 1682-1777.
Mayor until 1776.
Commissioners and Commissaries under the Dutch and Swedes. Burgess.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Members of Provincial Assemblies.
Members of the Provincial Conferences.
Conventions prior to March 5, 1777.
Members of Congress, 1754 and 1765.

Delegates to Committees of Correspondence and of Safety 1772-1777.

Members of Supreme Executive Council March 5, 1777.

Members of Continental Congress, 1774-1783.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of Common Council, 1701-1777.

JUDICIARY.

Justices of the Supreme Court.

Justices of the Peace and Courts who served three or more terms.

Attorney-General, Judge Advocate.

Judge of the Court of Admiralty.

Judge of the Probate Court.

High Sheriff, Sheriff or Marshal.

Recorder or Register of Wills.

MILITARY AND NAVAL.

Members of the Board of War.

Members of the Navy Board.

Commissioned Officers of the Continental Army, Navy or State, or Provincial Troops.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular Provincial or Colonial Military or Naval Forces.

Revolutionary service alone, without service strictly Colonial will not render descendants eligible to membership.

The Society of the Colonial Dames of America

IN THE

District of Columbia,

(INCORPORATED MAY 20, 1892.)

Governors.
Lieutenant-Governors.
Founders of Colonies.
Directors-General.
Lords Proprietary.
Presidents.
Commissioners.
Vice-Directors.
Members of the King's Council.
Members of the General Court.
Burgesses.
Delegates and Representatives.
Members of the Upper or Lower House of the Legislative bodies or Assemblies of any of the Colonies.

JUDICIARY.

Judges, Recorders-General, or Secretaries of State.
Attorneys-General, Treasurer's General.
Receivers of Royal Revenues.
Escheators-General. Disbursers of funds of Colonies.

Royal Naval Officers.

Ambassadors to the Crown.

High Sheriffs.

Colonels of Counties, Lieutenants of Counties, Surveyor's General.

Founders of Colonial Colleges now existing.

Members of Congresses prior to 1783.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular, Provincial or Colonial Military forces, or Continental Army, Navy or State troops.

Members of Committees for Defence and Correspondence.

The Society of the Colonial Dames of America

IN THE

State of Virginia.

(INCORPORATED OCTOBER 19, 1892.)

1. The Historic Fouuders (1606-1616) of the first English Colony at Jamestown.

Incorporators named in the Royal Charter for Virginia of April 10, 1606; May 23, 1609 and March 12, 1612,

All Officials in Virginia prior to the arrival of Sir George Yeardly, on April 29, (N. S.) 1619, with the "Great Charter or Commission of privileges, orders and laws" for the Colony.

2. The recognized Historic Founders of any of the original New England Colonies, or of the "King's Province," or of any of the American Colonies or Provinces as constituted in 1775, including those who were especially named in Colonial or Provincial Charters from the Crown or Parliament of England of a latter date than 1616.

3. The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Deputy-Governor in Virginia. The President and Members of the Council of State cr Upper House. The Speaker and Members of the House of Burgesses or Lower House.

The Secretary of State. The Treasurer-General. The

Attorney-General. The Auditor. The Lieutenant of the County and Chief Commander of His Majesty's forces in said County.

4. The Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity.

5. The Commissioned Officers of Virginia forces who actually served a campaign in any of the Colonial Wars.

6. The Commissary of the Bishop of London in Virginia.

The Trustees of William and Mary's College, designated in the Royal Charter of 1693, who resided in America, and the Presidents and Rectors of that College.

7. Members of the Revolutionary Conventions of 1774-1776. Members of the Committee of Safety, 1775-1776. Members of the Continental Congresses of 1774, 1775 and 1776.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

8. Colonists and Officials in other Colonies and States of equivalent rank, with those considered eligible in Virginia.

Requirements for Admission to the Society of Colonial Dames

IN THE

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation.

(INSTITUTED ANNO DOMINI, 1892.)

1. Roger Williams, the recognized founder of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

2. Founders of the historic charter colonies, viz: Providence, 1636, Portsmouth, 1638, Newport, 1639, and Warwick, 1642.

3. Those named in the Royal Charter granted by King Charles II, in 1663.

4. Purchasers of The Narragansett county, later called "The King's Province," 1659.

5. Judges of Aquidneck, March 1638 to March 1640.

6. Elders of Aquidneck, March 1639 to March 1640.

7. Presidents, Governors and Deputy Governors of the above named Colonies or Province; Commissioners and Agents to foreign countries.

8. Speakers of the House of Deputies serving not less than one elective term, and commissioners to the General Court of elections before Nov. 25th, 1663, and Assistants or Deputies serving not less than two elective terms.

9. Delegates to Colonial Conventions.

10. Judges of the "General Court of Trials," and its Successor, the "Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery." which latter was created in 1729.

Judges of the "Court of Equity," 1741—1743.

Judge of Admiralty Courts.

Attorneys-General and Kings Attorneys.

General Recorders, Recorders, and Secretaries of the Colony.

General Treasurers.

11. Commissioned Officers of the Navy, Field, Army of Observation, and Militia of these Colonies before July 4th, 1776, who served honorably.

12. Incorporators of Brown University, 1764.

13. Signers of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

No service supported merely by tradition shall be received.

No person is eligibte to membership in this Society unless she be a resident of the State of Rhode Island at the time of her application, or in case of a resident of a non-Colonial state, or unless she be descended from one or more Rhode Island ancestors.

In the case of residents in the non-Colonial states wishing, by reason of Rhode Island ancestry, to enter this Society, when personally unknown to its members, the Directors may claim such proofs of the applicant's worthiness as they shall deem sufficient.

Applicants residing in Rhode Island, but having ancestry in another state, will be admitted into the Rhode Island Society through the eligibility list of such state.

No service of an ancestor shall be deemed as qualifying service for admission in this Society where such ancestor failed to maintain an honorable record.

The Massachusetts Society
OF THE
Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED APRIL 13, 1893.)

1. The recognized Historic Founders of Plymouth Plantation, and the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, including those who were especially named in Colonial or Provincial Charters or Patents.

2. Governors, Deputy or Lieutenant-Governors, Assistants or Councillors, Treasurers and Receivers-General. Speakers of the House, who served not less than two sessions in such capacity. Deputies or Representatives to the General Court, who served not less than three elective terms:

Commissioners of the Confederacy and Agents of the Colonies abroad.

3. Judges of the County Courts. Judges of Military Court or Commission.

Judges of Superior Courts of Judicature and Public Justice. Judges of the Courts of Admiralty. Judges of Probate in each County appointed by the Governor and Council. Judges of Court of Common Pleas. Attorneys-General and Solicitors-General. Secretaries of the Colony.

4. Commissioned Officers of the Regular, Colonial or Provincial Military forces, who served honorably, or who died in active service during any of the wars waged against Indian tribes or foreign nations, prior to the year 1775,

provided that, in case of a regular officer of the British Army, he shall have served in America in one of such wars, and subsequently become a resident in this Colony.

5. Commissioners and Delegates to the Provincial General Congresses of 1754, 1765.

Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces. The Founders and Presidents of Harvard College, and Treasurers and Fellows prior to 1707. Ministers of Parishes who were active in founding or forwarding the interests of the Colonies prior to 1675.

OFFICERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of the Continental Congresses, 1774, 1775, 1776.

Members of the Provincial Congresses of 1775, 1776.

Commissioned Officers of the Continental Army or Navy of the Colony who actually served as officers in the War of the Revolution. Agents or Ministers from the United Colonies to foreign countries.

Members are requested to add to their record any services rendered by their ancestors from 1775 to 1783.

Revolutionary services add distinction to a Colonial record.

One line of ancestry is sufficient for entry to the Society, supplemental claims being registered later.

Applicants having ancestry in another state than Massachusetts will be admitted into the Massachusetts Society on eligibility list of such state.

Society of Colonial Dames
OF THE
State of New York.
(INCORPORATED APRIL 29, 1893.)

DUTCH PERIOD.

Director-General of the Province of Nieuw Netherland.

Vice-Directors of Fort Orange and of the South River Colony.

Members of the Council of the Director-General.

Members of the Representative Bodies of Nieuw Netherland, known as "The Twelve Men," "The Eight Men" and "The Nine Men."

Members of the Provincial Conventions.

Patroons of Niew Netherland.

Burgomeisters of Nieuw Amsterdam.

Schout-Fiscaal.

Acting Commissioners of Indian Affairs, as Magistrates of Fort Orange.

Commissioners of Boundaries, and of Treaties with other Colonies.

Commissioned Officers of Troops, under Dutch Colonial Rule.

ENGLISH PERIOD.

Governor.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Chief Justice of the Province.

Members of the Governor's Conncil.
Secretary of the Province.
Deputy-Secretary.
Justices of the Supreme Court.
Judge of the Court of Admiralty.
Chancellor.
Master of the Rolls.
Attorney-General.
Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.
High Sheriff.
Speaker of the Provincial Assembly.
Members of the Assembly who served two or more years.
Members of the Colonial Congresses of 1722, 1754 and 1765.
Commander of the Forces of the Province.
Commissioned Officers of the Militia of the Province.
Commissioners appointed to treat with other Colonies.
Commissioners of Indian Affairs prior to 1776.
Receiver-General of the Province.
Surveyor-General of the Lands.
Surveyor of the King's Woods, Chief magistrates of the Islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, 1664 to 1691.
Mayor and Recorder of Albany, prior to 1776.
Mayor and Recorder of New York prior to 1776.
Lords of Manors.
President of King's College.

AMERICAN PERIOD.

Members of the Continental Congresses of 1774, 1775 and 1776.

Members of Committees of Safety, prior to July 4, 1776.

Members of the Provincial Congresses of 1775 and 1776.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

No service of an ancertor shall be deemed as qualifying service in this Society where such ancestor, from whom the descent is derived, adhered to, or took protection from, the enemy during the War of the Revolution, or who failed to maintain an honorable record.

One line of ancestry is sufficient for entry to the Society, supplemental claims being registered later.

Applicants having ancestry in another State than New York will be admitted into the New York Society on the eligibility of such other society.

It is requested that members immediately after their admission to the Society, shall add to their entry claims, supplementary papers, stating in full, any further Colonial services rendered by their other ancestors, as also, services rendered from 1776 to 1783—a Revolutionary Record adding distinction to previous Colonial services.

The Society of the Colonial Dames of America

IN THE

State of South Carolina.

(INCORPORATED NOVEMBER 16, 1893.)

PROVINCIAL OFFICES.

Lord Proprietary. Landgraves and Proprietary.

Governors and Royal Governor, Deputy or Lieutenant Governor. Members of the King's Council, Members of Governor's Council. Treasurer and Secretary of the Province. Commissioners and Collectors of Customs. Commissioners of Land Offices, on Boundaries, to the Indians. Commissary of the Bishop of London. Missionaries from "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts." Pastors of the French Protestant Churches. Receiver-General and Provost Marshal.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Speaker, Clerk and Representatives of the General Assembly. Members of the Provincial and Continental Congress. Members of Councils of Safety and Correspondence. Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Citizens exiled to St. Augustine by the British.

JUDICIARY.

Chief Justice. Judges of Supreme Courts of Law and Equity. Attorney-General. Judges of Provincial Courts.

Military and Navy, prior to 1776.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular Continental and Provincial Military and Naval Forces.

Patrons to Arts, Science, Learning and Agriculture, whose efficient services to the Colony were publicly acknowledged.

Founders of the Charleston Library, 1748.

Founders of South Caroline Society, 1737.

Connecticut Society

OF THE

Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED DECEMBER 18, 1893.)

The recognized Historic Founders of the Colonies of Connecticut and New Haven.

Corporators named in the Charter of Charles II.

Trustees named in the Act of 1701, establishing a collegiate school (Yale College) also the President and Fellows named in the New Charter, 1745.

Governors, Deputy-Governors. Colonial Secretaries. Colonial Treasurers.

Marshals of the General Court or High Sheriffs.

Magistrates. Assistants or Members of the Upper House of the General Court, who served not less than three years.

Speakers of the Lower House. Clerks of the Lower House.

Members of the Lower House of the General Court, who served not less than ten years. Service not necessarily consecutive.

Judges of the Superior and County Courts.

Ministers of Parishes who were active in founding or forwarding the interests of the Colony prior to 1675.

Preachers of Election Sermons down to the year 1776.

Chaplains appointed by the General Assembly.

Commissioners of the United Colonies

Commissioners for the adjustment of Colonial Boundaries.

Commissioners appointed to the Congresses of 1754, 1765, 1774.

Commissioned Officers of the Colonial Military or Naval forces to 1662.

From 1662 to July 4th, 1776, Commissioned Officers above the rank of Lieutenant.

REVOLUTION.

Members of Colonial Congresses from 1775 to 1783. Agents or Ministers from the United Colonies to foreign countries. Members of the Council of Safety.

Commissioned Officers of the Continental Army or Navy, or in the Military or Naval forces of the Colony.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of the Committee of the Pay-table.

Revolutionary service alone, without service strictly Colonial, will not render descendants eligible to membership.

One line of ancestry is sufficient for entry to the Society, supplemental claims being registered later.

Applicants having ancestry in another State than Connecticut, will be admitted into the Connecticut Society on the Eligibility List of such State.

The Georgia Society

OF THE

Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED JANUARY 24. 1894.)

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS.

Governors, Lieutenant-Governors.

Members of the Governor's Council.

Surveyors-General of the Customs.

Surveyors-General of Lands.

Secretaries and Registers of Grants. Receivers-General.

King's Treasurers.

Proprietors of the Province of Georgia, who came to this country with General Oglethorpe.

Missionaries from "The Society of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts."

Postmaster-General or Comptroller of P. O.

Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces.

Commissioners to the Indians appointed by Colonial Government.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Speakers of the Provincial Assembly.

Members of the Assembly who served two years.

Members of the Provincial Congresses, 1722, 1754, 1759, 1776.

Members of the Committee of Safety.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of the Continental Congresses, 1774, 1775, 1776.

Delegates to the Committee of Correspondence and Safety.

JUDICIARY.

Chief Justices of the Province of Georgia.

Justices of the Supreme Court.

Attorneys-General. Judges of the Court of Admiralty.

Presiding Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

Clerks of the Crown and Pleas.

Masters in Chancery. Registers in Chancery.

FOUNDERS.

Founders of Academies or Colleges in Georgia.

MILITARY AND NAVY.

Commissioned Officers in the Province of Georgia.

Naval Officers.

All Revolutionary services rendered by Colonial ancestor, or by descendants of Colonial ancestors prior to 1783, may be added under supplementary details. No applicant is eligible under Revolutionary record alone.

Colonial Dames

OF THE

State of New Hampshire.

(INCORPORATED MARCH 8, 1894.)

Recognized Historic Founders of the Colony of New Hampshire.

Corporators named in the Charter of Charles II.

Governors under the English. Governors. Deputy-Governors, sometimes called Lieutenant-Governors.

King's or Covernor's Council.

Treasurers and Secretaries of the Province.

Manager-General. Marshals of the General Court or High Sheriffs.

Commissioners and Collectors of Customs.

Receiver-General. Commissioners in Land Office.

Commissioners on Boundaries between Provinces.

Commissioners to the Indians appointed by Colonial Government.

Members of the Council of Safety. Magistrates.

Members of the Committee of the Pay-Table

Preachers of Election Sermons and settled Clergymen, who rendered distinguished service in New Hampshire prior to 1750.

Speaker, Clerk and Representatives to the General Assembly.

Members of Provincial Congress.

Members of Continental Congress.

Delegates to the Committees of Correspondence and Safety.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Judges of the High Court of Chancery.

Attorney-General. Chief Justices of Supreme Court (formerly called Court of Sessions, and then Court of Common Right.)

Associate Judges of the Supreme Court.

Clerks and Registers of the Courts.

King's Attorneys. Judges of Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Judges of Court of Common Pleas.

Surrogate or Probate Judge.

Judge of the Admiralty Court.

Charter Trustees of the College of Dartmouth.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular, Colonial or Provincial Military and Naval forces.

Members of the Board of War.

Members of the Navy Board.

All Revolutionary services rendered by Colonial ancestors, or by descendants of Colonial ancestors, prior to 1783, may be added under supplementary details. No applicant is eligible under Revolutionary record alone.

North Carolina Society

OF THE

Colonial Dames of America.

(INCORPORATED MARCH 24, 1894.)

Lords Proprietors. Landgraves and Proprietary and Royal Governors.

Deputies and Lieutenant Governors.

Members of the King's Council.

Members of the House of Burgess or Assembly.

Members of the Governor's Council.

Treasurers and Secretary of the Provinces.

Commissioners of the Provinces.

Commissary of the Bishop of London.

Receiver-General. Surveyor-General. Collector and Commissioner of Customs.

High Sheriffs.

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

Speaker, Clerks and Representatives of General Assemblies.

Members of Provincial and Continental Congress.

Members of Councils of Safety and Correspondence.

Signers of Declaration of Independence.

Signers of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Members of Provincial Congress from 1774 to 1776.
Members of Continental Congress from 1774 to 1776.

JUDICIARY.

Chief Justice. Attorney-General.
Solicitor-General. Judges of Provincial and Colonial Courts.
Justice of Peace.

FOUNDERS.

Founders of Towns, Colleges or Institutions, which have survived and developed into importance.

MILITARY AND NAVY.

Commissioned Officers of the Regular Colonial or Provincial Military or Naval forces.

Revolutionary service alone will not render a candidate eligible to membership; but such services can be added as supplementary if so desired.

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